THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Energy Incorporated, Kansas City Power & Light Company, and Westar Energy, Inc. for Approval of the Merger of Westar Energy, Inc. and Great Plains Energy Incorporated.

Docket No. 18-KCPE-095-MER

ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE OF ROBBINS, ROBY AND GARZÓN

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On August 25, 2017, Westar Energy, Inc. and Kansas Gas and Electric Company (Westar), Great Plains Energy Incorporated (Great Plains) and Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCP&L) filed an Application seeking approval to merge. The Applicants intend to form a new, publicly traded holding company with a combined equity value of approximately \$14 billion, which will operate regulated electric utilities in Kansas and Missouri.¹ Westar and KCP&L would become wholly-owned subsidiaries of the new holding company.² As proposed, Westar shareholders will own approximately 52.5% of the combined company with Great Plains' shareholders owning the remaining 47.5% of the combined company.³

2. On August 5, 2016, Sarah O. Steele, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Kansas, filed Motions for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* of Alan I. Robbins, Debra D. Roby

¹ Application, Aug. 25, 2017, ¶¶ 9-10.

 $^{^{2}}$ *Id.*, ¶ 10.

³ Id., ¶ 11.

and Andrea I. Sarmentero Garzón on behalf of Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA), Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU), and the City of Independence, Missouri (Independence), pursuant to Kansas Supreme Court Rule 116. The *Pro Hac Vice* Motions included the required Verified Applications signed by Mr. Robbins, Ms. Roby, and Ms. Garzón.⁴

3. The Verified Application for Alan I. Robbins states he is a licensed attorney in good standing of the Bar of the District of Columbia, and has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind. The Verified Application lists his address as 1350 I Street, NW, Suite 810, Washington, DC 20005.

4. The Verified Application for Debra D. Roby states she is a licensed attorney in good standing of the Bar of the District of Columbia, and has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind. The Verified Application lists her address as 1350 I Street, NW, Suite 810, Washington, DC 20005.

5. The Verified Application for Ms. Garzón states she is a licensed attorney in good standing of the Bar of the State of New York, and has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind. The Verified Application lists her address as 1350 I Street, NW, Suite 810, Washington, DC 20005.

6. The Commission finds that Mr. Robbins, Ms. Roby, and Ms. Garzón have met the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 116 and grants their admission *pro hac vice* in this Docket. Mr. Robbins, Ms. Roby, and Ms. Garzón will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered as follows:

⁴ Motion for Admission of Alan I. Robbins *Pro Hac Vice* as Attorney for Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, and City of Independence, Missouri, Oct. 4, 2017; Motion for Admission of Andrea I. Sarmentero Garzón *Pro Hac Vice* as Attorney for Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, and City of Independence, Missouri, Oct. 4, 2017; Motion for Admission of Debra D. Roby *Pro Hac Vice* as Attorney for Kansas Municipal Energy Agency, and City of Independence, Missouri, Oct. 4, 2017; Motion for Admission of Debra D. Roby *Pro Hac Vice* as Attorney for Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Municipal Utilities, Kansas Municipal Oct. 4, 2017; Motion for Admission of Independence, Missouri, Oct. 4, 2017.

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Motions for Leave to Appear *Pro Hac Vice* of Alan I. Robbins, Debra D. Roby, and Andrea I. Sarmentero Garzón on behalf of KMEA, KMU, and Independence, are granted.

B. The parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition for reconsideration.⁵

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner.

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⁵ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of OCT 1 2 2017

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